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## DEAN OUTLINES NEW EDUCATION PROGRAM

### News Trickles In From Camps All Over Country

#### SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES REPORT DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

The roundup of training camps, begun in last issue, resulted in the following information for this month:

##### DOCTOR IN NAVY

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Dr. Ralph E. McLochlin, '18-'20, is now a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, and is at Tampa, Fla., where he has been assigned to the U. S. S. Edward Rutledge. The vessel is being converted and is to be commissioned in a short time.

Dr. McLochlin, who as a member of the Naval Reserve, was called to duty January 3 at the Naval Aviation Base, Corpus Christi, Tex., has been engaged in the practice of medicine, here, since 1935.

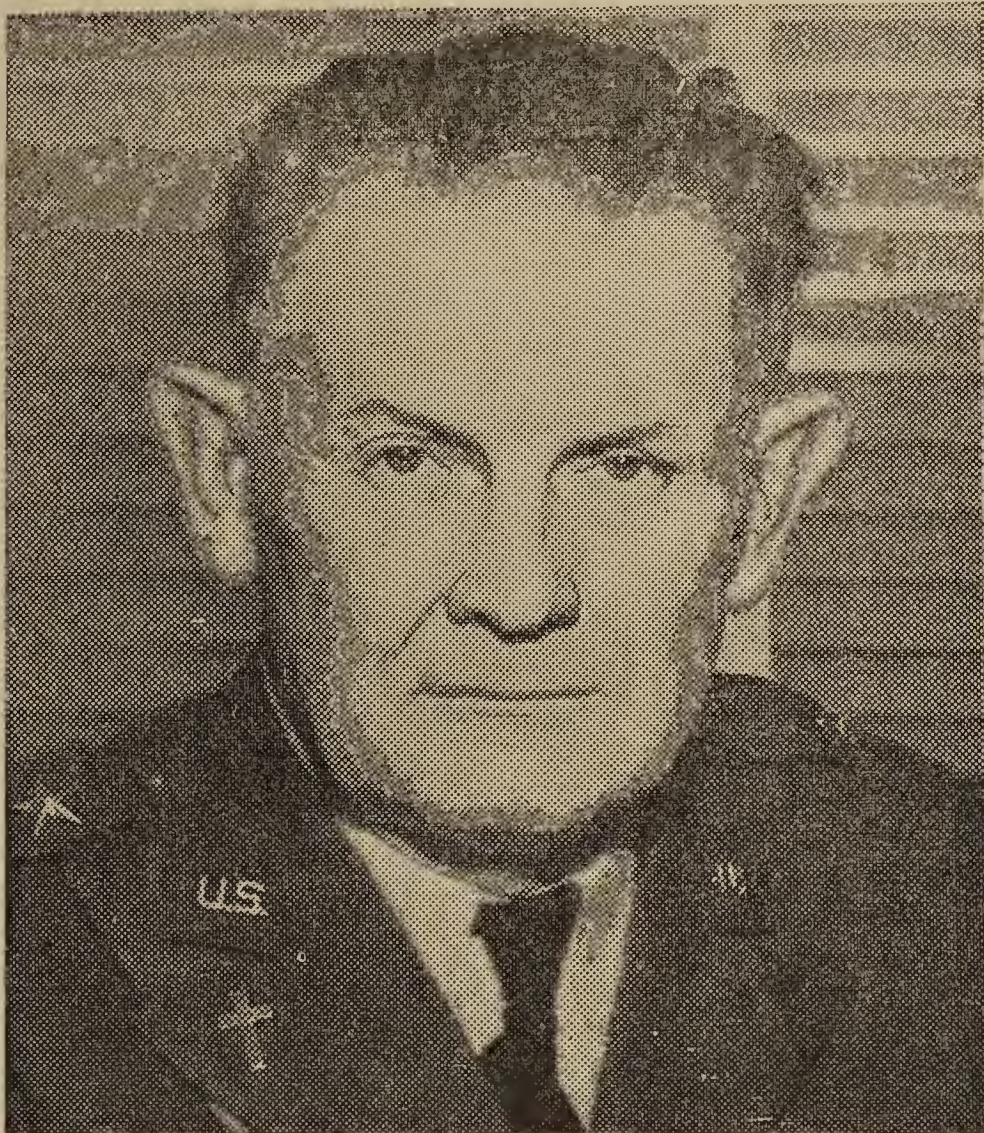
##### RATES AS SECOND LOUIE

RUSHVILLE, Ind.—Joseph W. Moore, class of '39, successfully completed the Marine Corps Candidates' class course at Quantico, Va., and was graduated and received his commission as Second Lieutenant.

After enlisting in the Marine Corps as a candidate for a reserve commission, last March, he was sent to Quantico in October. There he received a three months' basic course of disciplinary, technical and tactical instruction. He qualified as a sharpshooter with both the pistol and the Browning automatic rifle and as a marksman with the 30 caliber rifle.

The St. Joe graduate will now attend the reserve officers' class for an additional three months of training in duties of a platoon (Continued on Page Four; Col. Three)

### Chaplains' Chief Now General



MSGR WILLIAM ARNOLD (Our Sunday Visitor)

### Ten Clergy Alumni Bolster Armed Forces

Seven clergy alumni are chaplains in the armed forces; three of them are on the waiting list.

The roster is brilliantly headed by the Rev. Msgr. William R. Arnold, '96-'02, Chief of Chaplains of the United States armed forces. President Roosevelt recently promoted him to the rank of Brigadier General and renominated him for a second four-year term.

From Camp Shelby, Miss., the



Rev. Ferd Evans

Rev. Fred Westendorf, '24-'27, former CYO director of the diocese of Fort Wayne, and the Rev. Ferd Evans, '26-'28, former Cincinnati social work director, send word of their enthusiasm for their work. Father Westendorf is with the 113th Engineers and Father Evans with the 148th Infantry, 37th Division.

The Rev. Urban Wurm, '29-'33, formerly of Lima, O., is stationed at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, S. Carolina.

The Rev. Lawrence Schmieder, '25-'26, is on the U. S. S. Pensacola somewhere in the Pacific.

The Rev. John Wilson, C.P.P.S., honorary alumnus, is somewhere

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### Registrar Tells Of Acceleration At St. Joseph's

#### U. S. MAY SPONSOR MILITARY TRAINING ON LOCAL CAMPUS

The new accelerated educational program at St. Joseph's was explained by the Rev. Dr. Henry Lucks, C.P.P.S., Dean of Studies, in an interview during which he also admitted the possibility of military training on the campus.

The program will enable a student, who attends summer sessions, to receive a degree in three calendar years. The new set-up got under way with the current semester. Commencement will be held about the middle of May. The summer session will start about June 15 and will end about August 15. High school students will be accepted as college freshmen after having completed three and a half years of high school work. All this will enable a young man to get a college education before being called to the armed forces.

Military training, sponsored by the U. S. government, may be introduced on the campus.

Father Lucks based his statement on discussions heard at the National Conference of College and University Presidents on Higher Education and War, at Baltimore.

At the meeting, Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, Head of the Selective Service System, and Robert P. Patterson, Under-Secretary of War, expressed their belief that an army official will be appointed to outline a compulsory military training program for all colleges.

The government, Father Lucks explained, will save millions of dollars by having military training in colleges. For the young men still studying, the govern- (Continued on Page Four; Col. One)



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## Send A Student

When institutions of higher learning showed a seven percent national decrease in enrollment, last fall, St. Joseph's set a new all time record. It was the third consecutive September that Collegeville's population had hit a new high.

You alumni had a lot to do with that. When students were asked in a questionnaire, last spring, why they had come to St. Joe, the answer most often given was "because an alumnus recommended this college to me."

St. Joseph's has without doubt set its last enrollment record until after the war is over. Defense industries and armed forces will take their toll of student matriculation. But alumni can keep the fall from being too painful.

If alumni will continue to recommend St. Joseph's and go out of their way to recommend it, the college will not suffer too great a loss. Former students will be better fitted to speak intelligently about their Alma Mater, if they will read carefully the leading story on page one.

If an alumnus wants a catalogue, for either the high school or the college, or a view-book, or details on any program of studies at St. Joseph's, he may obtain the information by writing to the Dean of Studies, or the Alumni Office.

*Sincerely Yours*

Sir:

You asked of my advancement. There is not much to tell in this regard, except that I was made private, first class, last week and now sporting a stripe.

We have really been hitting the ball when it comes to work, averaging fourteen hours a day in the lab. I can honestly say I am learning a great deal.

Theo M. Staudt, P. F. C.,  
Detachment Med. Dept.,  
Fort Hayes, Columbus, O.

Sir:

Pvt. Paul Linehan has been in the army for the past eight months. He is as present with Co. K, 38th Infantry, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Albert Linehan,  
Swanton, O.

Sir:

I have been changed to Nazareth, Texas. Please send my copy of Contact to that address after January 25.

Rev. G. A. Boeckman,  
Rowena, Texas

## Meet The Departments

(This is the third in a series of articles written to acquaint alumni with various departments at St. Joseph's. Outlines of the Science Department and of the English Department appeared in previous issues.)

Because St. Joseph's is convinced that it does not profit a man to gain the world, if he loses his soul, the study of Religion is a "must" on every student's class schedule.

Of course the authorities realize that a man can reach Heaven without ever having a course in Religion, the same as he can go from Rensselaer to Remington without using Highway 53. But, they reason, if Highway 53 is the best route, why not take it?

The Department of Religion, according to the Rev. Thomas Grotenrath, C.P.P.S., chairman, is doing everything to correlate fundamental truths with the problems that daily face laymen. And it has finally succeeded in giving the study of the New Testament its rightful place in the curriculum.

The Department encourages the work of the Dwenger Mission Unit, for priesthood students, and of the Sanguinist Club, a Catholic Action organization for laymen, and the Archconfraternity of the Precious Blood and Holy Name Society for all students.

The Sanguinist Club publishes a four-page paper twice monthly; sponsors a Catholic press exhibit during February; publicizes campus novenas, and is building up a library of modern Catholic Works.

The Mission Unit, under direction of the Rev. Albert Gordon, C.P.P.S., operates a religious-goods store; holds an annual carnival, and is at present gathering Collegeville's waste paper to buy bonds.

Members of the Religion Department are the Revs. Sylvester Ley, Thomas Grotenrath, Robert Koch, Raphael Gross, Norman Koller and Charles Robbins.

Education and Philosophy are under the same department with the Rev. Dr. Walter Pax as chairman.

St. Joseph's is accredited by the state as a teacher training school to prepare students for a license in practically all high school subjects.

Philosophy is an obligatory course. Graduates must show at least six credit hours of Philosophy for every year in attendance at St. Joseph's. The added importance of Philosophy, now, is explained by the Rev. Dr. Henry Lucks on page one; column four.

Members of the Department are the Revs. Sylvester Hartman, Henry Lucks, Walter Pax, Cletus Kern and Joseph Sheeran.

Sir:

As yet I haven't started in the prep school of officers' candidate service, but have been receiving some preliminary instructions from some of the battery officers. Yesterday, one of them went through a detailed outline of VonSchlieffin plan, which was used by Germany during the World War, and this of course was interesting in the extreme. I have always wanted to study the tactical maneuvers of these great military geniuses and now I think I'll get the chance. Pri-



# Turn Back the Clock

OLD TIMERS should be interested in the basketball game that will be played here, Saturday night, February 21. During the halftime intermission of the St. Joe-Chicago Teachers contest, a program will be presented to mark the fiftieth anniversary of basketball.

**HANDLEBAR MUSTACHES**, turtle-neck sweaters and peach baskets will be much in evidence when a short game is played, using the same rules designed by Dr. James Naismith, in Springfield, Mass., the same year that St. Joseph's was established.

TWO TEAMS, nine players on a side, will be outfitted as basketball players, dressed in the Gay Nineties. A referee, in Sunday-go-to-meetin' clothes and derby hat, will carry a ladder to retrieve the ball from the peach baskets.

**EACH TEAM** will have three forwards, three centers, and three back guards. To start the game, the referee will stand near the sideline and throw the ball to the centers.

THE ORIGINAL GAME differed from the present in that players bunched wherever the ball was. A two-handed dribble was allowed. Unlimited air dribbles were allowed, and made. After the second personal foul, the player was disqualified until the next basket was made. If one team made three consecutive fouls, it counted as a goal for the opponents. An out-of-bounds ball belonged to the person first touching it. The game was won by goals, not points. No foul shots were tried.

marily of course I'll have to study math, and particularly trig. Then there is the execution of fire commands, the use of the various instruments for laying the guns on the target, and map reading, and survey. The surprising thing is how much they can teach in so short a time.

Give my best to all the faculty.

Pvt. Charles J. Peitz,  
Fort Sill, Okla.

Sir:

I assure you that I will do everything possible to help Catholic Education, and especially St. Joseph's. Of course I have not much opportunity here to try to get young men to enroll. But perhaps some words of mine of the excellent curricula, etc., of St. Joseph's might do some good later on, if, God willing, this emergency passes swiftly. So any chance I might have to help, even if it does not bear fruit until years to come, I will take.

Carl A. Boehnlein, '25-'27,  
Co. H., 151 Inf., 38th Div.,  
Camp Shelby, Miss.



## Introducing . . . Bertie And Willie Of Chapel Tower

Bertie the Bat and Willie the Wise Owl live in the west chapel tower.

Willie is the philosopher. Bertie is the chatterbox. Bertie is to Willie what Boswell was to Johnson. Willie won't speak for publication, but Bertie will. And so we present the first in a series of exclusive interviews with Bertie concerning what Willie says as he gazes over Collegeville:

Willie is lookin' out over toward the old Indian School when he ses to me, Bertie, lotsa people think that the bigger a thing is the better it is. So I ses, well ain't that right, an' he ses, O hell no. He ses that people think that a book three hundred pages thick must be better than one only two hundred pages, and that a town with seventy-five thousand people must be better than one with only seventeen thousand, and that a speaker that travels four hundred miles to make a talk must be better than one that only travels twelve. He ses sometimes the big thing is better than the little thing, but that ain't just because it is big. I ses Willie give me a for instance. He ses take this college for instance. He ses lotsa colleges have more students, and larger buildings, and cover more ground, but he ses you will have to travel many a weary mile before you find a college better than this one. I ses you ain't just talkin'. And then I asks him if he thinks it is a good college because it is not such a big college. He ses yes. He ses that in a small college fellows get personal supervision from faculty members during the years they need it most, and that discipline can be handled better in a small school, and that students get to know one another better, and that the spirit is more democratic, and that it is just better all around. I ses if being big don't necessarily make a thing better, how about a bank roll. Ain't a big bank roll always better than a little bank roll? And again he ses, O hell no. More people he ses have been ruined by a big bank roll than by a little bank role. Don't Willie have a funny way of lookin' at things?



"Hey, Bub, how about shootin' a couple bucks for the Fieldhouse Fund?"

## Class Of '31 Highly Objects To Claims Of Class Of '32

When members of the class of '31 read in CONTACT that members of the class of '32 claim some sort of record by having thirteen members of their group working in the field of education, the aforementioned class of '31 got on its high horse and objected.

The Rev. Raphael Gross, promoter of the class of '32 story, was accused by the Revs. Joseph Sheeran and Cletus Kern of malicious intent to deceive, as they announced that their class had sixteen men in the field of education, and that to their way of figuring, sixteen is a greater number than thirteen.

They said, and we quote:

The Rev. James Maloney is teaching at Ormsby Village, Louisville. The Rev. Edmund Binsfield, C.P.P.S., is an instructor at St. Rose Convent, La-Crosse, Wis. The Rev. Rouleau Joubert, O. P., S. T. Lr., is teaching "somewhere in Chicago."

The Rev. Alvin Jasinski is connected with Decatur Catholic High School, Decatur, Ind. The Rev. Warren Abrahamson is at Pio Nono High School, St. Francis, Wis. The Rev. Leonard Cross is an instructor at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne.

The Rev. Boniface Dreiling, C. P.P.S., along with Fathers Sheeran and Kern, is a member of the St. Joseph's College faculty. The Rev. Thomas Clayton, C.P.P.S., teaches at an academy in Chicago. Virgil Graber teaches civics in a CCC camp in Defiance, O.

The Rev. Lawrence Growney, C.P.P.S., is an instructor at Immaculate Conception High

School, Celina, O. The Rev. Bertrand Shenk is teaching in a Toledo High School.

The Rev. Wilfrid Popham, O. S. B., is on the staff of Marmion Military Academy, Aurora, Ill. The Rev. Francis Kienly is at C. C. High School, Hammond. Bro. Louis Stock, C.P.P.S., is on the staff of St. Joseph's High School, Collegeville.

## Eastern Alumnus Visits Campus

"Such names as Paul Kirchner, Ferd Wellman, Joe Williams, Pete O'Brien, and Paul Rose come rushing back into my memory as I walk around here," said Paul Birkmeyer, '16-'19, when he returned to the campus recently for the first time since he had left almost twenty-two years ago.

Mr. Birkmeyer, the father of three boys, lives in Verona, N. J. He has been working in the engineering department of Western Union, in New York City, for the past 19 years. His return to the campus was occasioned by a business trip to Chicago.

After leaving St. Joe, the student from Coldwater, O., went to Ohio State. He was graduated from there with a degree in electrical engineering in '23.

"I scarcely remember anyone from Ohio State. It was too large an institution. We didn't get a chance to get well acquainted. But here I recall all kinds of friendships because of our frequent association in the dining hall, Raleigh Club, study hall, and campus."

## THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

THE INTERMURAL program will be stressed more than ever during time of war. Since the health of the nation is no better than the health of the individuals it is a duty of each person to improve his health and physical fitness during these times. At St. Joseph's, we are going to demand that every student gets a sufficient amount of physical exercise.

BOXING, being held on the campus for the second year, is showing a gradual growth. The Puma scrappers, under Coach Hod Parker, defeated Valparaiso University and Illinois Tech, and lost a set of bouts to Illinois Tech.

PURDUE'S Golden Gloves Champs will fight in our fieldhouse in the near future. The date for the bouts has not been set. Valparaiso will fight here, Wednesday, February 25.

THE HIGH SCHOOL closed out its schedule with ten defeats and nine victories. The Cubs, under Dick Scharf, will play in the state Catholic High School Tournament at Fort Wayne, February 20, 21 and 22.

A SUCCESSFUL season was turned in by Brother Henry Kosalko and his freshman team. Those yearlings have a lot of good varsity material.

THE VARSITY is batting five hundred with nine wins and nine losses to their credit to date. Seven games remain on the schedule: At Central Normal, Feb. 17; Chicago Teachers, here, Feb. 21; at Illinois Wesleyan, Feb. 24; Loras, here, Feb. 27; at John Carroll, Mar. 2; at Youngstown, Mar. 3; at Valparaiso, Mar. 6th.

## ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF SON

"We hope that some day he, too, will attend St. Joseph's," wrote Mrs. Chester B. Kruczek, of Cleveland, in a letter to the Alumni Office, announcing the birth of a son. The father of Ronald Chester attended St. Joseph's from '27 till '31.



# IN PACIFIC ● BROTHERS IN NATIONAL DEFENSE ● ON ARMY LIST



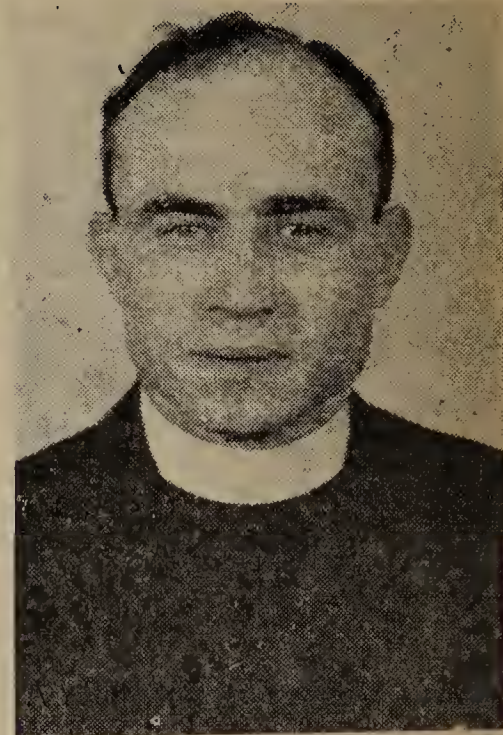
(Cincinnati Telegraph-Register)

REV. LAWRENCE SCHMIEDER



REV. RUFUS ESSER

REV. GILBERT ESSER



REV. STEPHEN TATAR

## Chicagoans Start Golf Tourney Plans

CHICAGO, Ill.—Cook County Alumni showed true courage at a meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 20, at Sieben's, when they disregarded snow and sleet to start plans for their annual golf tournament.

In attendance were Paul Kirchner, president; Vincent Boeke, secretary-treasurer; F. C. Quirk, past president; Carl Schmidt, past president; Jack Hanley, Henry Gzybowski, Chas. Pirola, Clarence Sieben, the Rev. Boniface Dreiling, Chaplain, and the Rev. Sylvester Ley, past chaplain.

A report was made on the alumni-student banquet held December 30.

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ment will not have to build barracks, supply food, or arrange recreational facilities. The added advantage will be that the youth under such a system will receive a college education as well as a training in things military.

Educators, Father Lucks said, pledged themselves to keep alive a respect and love for education even during war years. They pointed out that education is extremely necessary because wars are being fought more with brainpower than with manpower. The educators also said they believe that trained minds will be more capable than untrained minds at the task of working out a lasting peace program.

## TEN CLERGY ALUMNI AID ARMED FORCES

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in the Phillipines.

Three Fathers of the Precious Blood, Clement Falter, honorary alumnus; Stephen Tatar, '26-'31, and Karl Wuest, '26-'31, have enlisted and have been examined. They have received acknowl-



REV. CLEMENT FALTER

edgement of application, but no definite word of acceptance. They are awaiting a commission as First Lieutenant, which usually takes about two months. After that they will probably receive an appointment within a month.

The Rev. Gilbert Esser, '12-'18, former St. Joe professor, is stationed at Fort Devins, Mass. He recently returned to the campus for a two-day visit. At the top of this page, he is shown con-

gratulating his brother, Father Rufus, '14-'19, who was appointed chairman of the Civilian Morale Committee on the St. Joseph campus. On the board with Father Rufus are the Rev. Carl Nieset, C.P.P.S., '25-'28, and the Rev. Norman Koller, C.P.P.S., '29-'32.

## MORE NEWS COMES FROM TRAINING CAMPS

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commander, and at the completion of the course will be assigned to duty with troops.

MARCH FIELD, Calif.—Sergeant Francis Otto, '25-'28, of the Army Air Force, is connected with the weather bureau, here.

PHOENIX, Ariz.—Edward Schmidt, of Rensselaer, Ind., is taking advanced flying training here, having completed his preliminary work at Kelly Field, Tex.

According to a letter from his parents, Joseph Hund, of Louisville, is in the army and is stationed "somewhere out East."

Norb Dreiling, class of '38, has been moved from Fort Ord, Monterey, Calif., one hundred miles south to Fort San Luis Obispo.

Staff Sergeant Vern Emmens is with the 38th division, at Camp Shelby, Miss.

## C. L. S. PREPARES PLAY

"Richard of Bordeaux will be staged by the C. L. S. on March 17 and 22. On the latter date the lavish spectacle will be produced in connection with the finals of the diocesan CYO Oratory Contest to be held here.

## Father Pursley Gets Fort Wayne Parish

FORT WAYNE—The Rev. Leo A. Pursley, '15-'21, pastor of Sacred Heart church, Warsaw, has been appointed successor to the late Rev. Joachim Ryder, of St. John the Baptist Church, here.

Father Pursley, donor of the Mary Pursley award for creative writing, was ordained June 11, 1927, and served as assistant at St. Mary's, Lafayette; St. Lawrence's, Muncie; St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne, and again St. Mary's, Lafayette. On June 16, 1937, he received his appointment as pastor at Warsaw.

## Austrian Professor Joins St. Joe Faculty

Dr. Theodore Bernard Frank, formerly one of the biggest executives in Vienna, has joined the St. Joseph College faculty as a professor of modern languages.

The graduate of the University of Vienna was a personal friend of two former Austrian presidents, Dr. Engelbert Dollfuss, who was assassinated, and Dr. Kurt Von Schuschnigg, who was taken prisoner when Hitler's army walked into Austria four years ago.

Dr. Frank was top executive of a large wood distillation plant, and was a director of the Societe Continentale, a holding company which stretched over central Europe, and an executive of the Austrian Bank of Credit in Vienna.